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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

To: **Commissioner for Patents**  
**Box RCE**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Attorney Docket No.: 1466.1017

First Named Inventor	Katsuya IRIE, et al.		
Application No.	09/722,697	Group Art Unit	2879
Filing Date	November 28, 2000	Examiner	Holly R. Harper
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No	4563
Title of Invention	GAS DISCHARGE DISPLAY DEVICE		

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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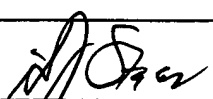
**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

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**Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other

				<b>BASIC FEE</b>		<b>\$ 770.00</b>	
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>May 12, 2004</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$420); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,480); 5 months (\$2,010)):						950.00	
Claims As Amended	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate			
Total Claims	7	20	- 20 =	0	X \$ 18.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 86.00	=	\$ 0.00
<b>Suspension Fee (\$130.00)</b>						0.00	
<b>Total of above Calculations =</b>						<b>\$ 1720.00</b>	
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).							
<b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>						<b>\$ 1720.00</b>	
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:							
<b>6. METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>\$1720.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)							
<b>7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION</b>							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: <b>Deposit Account No. 19-3935.</b>							
<b>8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS</b>							
STAAS & HALSEY LLP  <b>21171</b> <small>PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE</small>							
<b>9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED</b>							
NAME	H. J. Staas				REGISTRATION NO.	22,010	
SIGNATURE					DATE	August 12, 2004	



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Katsuya IRIE, et al.

Serial No. 09/722,697

Group Art Unit: 2879

Confirmation No. 4563

Filed: November 28, 2000

Examiner: Holly R. Harper

For: GAS DISCHARGE DISPLAY DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with an RCE of the subject application and is responsive to the FINAL Office Action, mailed February 12, 2004 and having a period for response set to expire on May 12, 2004. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith and, accordingly, this RCE and Preliminary Amendment are timely filed, within third month extension expiring August 12, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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